

Davis County EMS Council

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Present:

Kevin Ward, Chair
Guido Smith
Jeff Bassett
Mark Becraft
Dr. Dennis Wyman
Capt. Arnold Butcher

Visitors/Guests:

Dena Eckardt – Davis Hospital
Tami Goodin, BEMS
Austin Veresh – McKay Dee Hospital
Jason Cook - Layton
Deanna Wolfe – Ogden Regional
Keely Nielsen – Ogden Regional

County Staff Present:

Brian Hatch, Director of Health
Liz Carlisle, Administrative Asst
Shane Archibald, DCSO

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chief Kevin Ward.

Welcome

Chief Ward welcomed council members, staff and visitors to the meeting.

Minutes (Action)

The minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Chief Becraft motioned to accept minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting minutes. Chief Bassett seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Introduction of EMS Coordinator – Ogden Regional (Information)

Ms. Wolfe introduced Keely Nielsen as the new EMS Coordinator for Ogden Regional. Ms. Wolfe also announced her retirement and thanked the council for their support. Chief Ward congratulated Ms. Wolfe on her retirement and recognized her years of dedicated service.

BEMS Update (Information)

Ms. Goodin invited council members to apply for a recent opening on the State EMS Committee. The position is appointed by the Governor and requires a two year commitment with the option to extend for another two years.

Ms. Goodin reported the Image Trend conversion is back on track. Chief Bassett asked if Polaris will still be used. Ms. Goodin reported that the Polaris system will be phased out. Chief Smith asked if agencies still need to seek special permission to use the ERS database system. Ms. Goodin reported that agencies will still need approval to use the ERS database system but that once ERS was approved as a system for one agency others should be able to just notify the State that they were using it. Chief Ward commented that the current process was not easy and that they still had to seek full approval. Ms. Goodin stated she would check with the State and report back how the current process is currently working.

Ms. Goodin also reported the EMS Committee is currently reviewing protocols and will provide and update to agencies as soon as the review is completed. Grant applications will be reviewed June 2 and recommendations will be submitted to the EMS Committee for approval. The EMS awards have been scheduled for July 13 and will be held in West Jordan.

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Other Business

Chief Ward introduced Brian Hatch as the new Director of the Davis County Health Department. Mr. Hatch thanked the council for their work and expressed his desire to continue the positive working relationship between the department and the council.

Jason Cook reported that the RSI program is at the end of its four year pilot program period. The program has been successful due to the training and maturity in decision making of the pilot teams. The program is being reviewed for final approval. It is anticipated that if approved other agencies will start the process to include the program in their services.

Mr. Cook also reported that Layton has been working in partnership with the Layton City Police Department in implementing a Rescue Task Force concept used in an active shooter concept. These teams differ from the duties of a SWAT Medic. The response model requires law enforcement to clear an area before EMS can enter to render aid to injured individuals. Sometimes this process is lengthy and patients are lost due of the delay in care. Layton has invested in special equipment and training to allow them to be able to respond quickly. This allows agencies to work in partnership with local police departments to allow EMS to enter a situation immediately to start to render care. Chief Becraft agreed that agencies need to give EMS the training, equipment, and latitude to respond quickly.

Mr. Cook emphasized that they are working in partnership with the police department as is outlined be best practices. This does not represent a change in delivery of care or medicine, it is driven by law enforcement and the need to get care into victims quicker to save more lives. Chief Smith agreed and commented that EMS is not trying to do law enforcement they are trying to get help to victims as soon as possible.

Ogden Regional Hospital's EMS day is scheduled for May 25. Davis Hospital's EMS Day is scheduled for May 26. McKay Dee Hospitals EMS day is scheduled for May 24. Lakeview Hospital's EMS Day is scheduled for May 19. Chief Ward recommended switching to an EMS month rather than week to allow for EMS providers to attend more of the hospital functions. Currently they are all grouped together which makes it difficult for providers to attend each event. The hospital representatives agreed to the change.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: August 4, 2016
 10:00 a.m.**